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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continued Prosecution Application

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) Based On:

Application of: LeCluyse, Edward L., et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: 09/527,352

Examiner: Afremova, V.

Filed: March 17, 2000

Docket No.: 421/17/2

For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR
SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BILIARY EXCRETION

AMENDMENT C

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) based on the above-referenced U.S. patent application. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time up to and including October 31, 2002, is hereby made. This Petition is for extending the period of time for filing an Appeal Brief after filing a Notice of Appeal in the subject application up to and including October 31, 2002. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.